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In re the Application of:

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on August 1, 2003, which has a period for response that is set to expire on November 1, 2003. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for the same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 1, 2004. Because January 1, 2004 is a holiday, this Amendment is timely filed by January 2, 2004.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

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